



BHC-MSS 0150
Guide to the Papers of the Naramore Family
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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Naramore, William W.

Title: Papers of the Naramore Family

Dates: 1929-1931

Quantity: 1 manuscript box

Abstract: William W. Naramore was, among other things, a genealogy enthusiast, avid outdoorsman, and gun collector. He worked as an electrical engineer at United Illuminating, and served as the president for his family's business - first known as the Bridgeport Coach Lace Company, and later the Bridgeport Fabric Company. William actively and avidly traced these various lineages in his research, which are all present in the collection that follows. His work allowed him to trace the family back as far as early colonist John Alden, and connect the various families of the area back into the 1600s and 1700s.

Language: English

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Biographical History:

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Founded in 1837, the Bridgeport Coach Lace company in 1837 created upholstery for carriages in the 19th century, and remained in business by providing upholstery for the automobile industry.

The incredible wealth of the company (which in the mid-20th Century became the Bridgeport Fabric Company) meant that the Naramores were well to do and held political power within the city. They also interacted with and married into other major families within the greater Bridgeport area, including the Beers and the Wheelers.

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Naramore himself died in Sarasota, Florida, having only very recently retired to that area. He and his wife Marion are buried at Mountain Grover Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Scope and Content note:

The research in each folder generally represents correspondence, pedigree charts, and written notes in order to trace the lineages of various Fairfield County families in the greater Bridgeport

area. The extent can vary greatly between families, but offers an excellent starting point for those looking to explore these roots.

Arrangement Note:

Arranged alphabetically

Administrative information:

Provenance: 1958.01, Gift of William W. Naramore

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Names and Subject Tracings

Personal names

Naramore family
Beers family
Middlebrook family
Sherman family
Sherwood family
Wheeler family

Subject tracings

Genealogy

Detailed box and folder listing

Box 1

1. A-B; Allyn, Brook, Beardsley, Beach, Blacklead, Burr, Brooks, 1929-1931
2. Beers family, 1929-1931
3. C; Cooke, Cotton, Colton, Curtis, 1929-1931
4. D-G; Dart, Davis, Dudley, Edwards, Fowler, Gilman, Grinnell, 1929-1931
5. H-J; Hadlock, Hall, Hawkins, Hubbell, Hull, Jackson, Jenkins, 1929-1931
6. L-M; Laborie, Lyman, Merritt, Middlebrook, Morehouse, 1929-1931
7. Naramore family, 1929-1931
8. N-R; Newberry, Odell, Parsons, Pearse, Pendleton, Plumb, Pomeroy, Rowland, 1929-1931
9. Porter, 1929-1931
10. Rorwell/Rowley, 1929-1931
11. S-T; Sherman, Sherwood, Smedly, Stebbins, Strong, Sturges, Trowbridge, Turney, 1929-1931
12. W; Wakeman, Walker, Ward, Welles, Wilcoxon, Williams, Wright, 1929-1931
13. Wheeler, 1929-1931
14. White, 1929-1931
15. Whiting, 1929-1931
16. Worden, 1929-1931

17. Various family, 1929-1931

18. Pictures and postcards of the Plymouth Mass. area, 1929-1931